

	Application No.	Applicant(s)
Notice of Allowability	10/798,332	GOODWIN, FRANCIS
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Christopher G. Young	1756
The MAILING DATE of this communication appeal claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIOF the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313	(OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this ap or other appropriate communication IGHTS. This application is subject t	pplication. If not included n will be mailed in due course. THIS
1. This communication is responsive to papers filed April 13, 2007.		
2. ☑ The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-14 and 20</u> .		
 3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority ur a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the: 		
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.		
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No		
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the		
International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).		
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.		
4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.		
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.		
(a) 🔲 including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached		
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date		
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date		
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).		
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.		
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Attachment(s) 1. ☑ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	5. Notice of Informal F	Patent Application
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	6. ☐ Interview Summary	
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),	Paper No./Mail Da 7. 🛭 Examiner's Amend	ate ment/Comment
Paper No./Mail Date 4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit	8. 🛛 Examiner's Statem	ent of Reasons for Allowance
of Biological Material	9.	

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

- 2. The following amendment cancels the non-elected invention claims. These claims were non-elected without traverse in the paper filed April 13, 2007.
- 3. The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 15-19 and 21-25.

- 4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Upon a complete review of the entire written record the instant application is in condition for allowance. The references cited by the Examiner set forth the state of the prior art with respect to focus parameter control. None of the prior art references show the method for controlling focus parameters of an exposure tool as claimed.
- 5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher G. Young whose telephone number is 571-272-1394. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Huff can be reached on 571-272-1385. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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